

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

We, STEPHEN COLVIN, EUGENE GROSSI, ALLAN KATZ, and PAUL ODDO, hereby declare that we are citizens of the United States of America and residents of New York, New York, New York, New York, Freeport, New York, and Freeport, New York,; and that our Post Office Addresses are 1775 York Avenue, Apt. 32B, New York, New York 10028; 530 East 83rd Street, New York, New York 10028; 700 Miller Avenue, Freeport, New York 11520; and 216 Garfield Street, Freeport, New York, 11520 respectively; that we believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

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the specification of which is attached hereto.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or

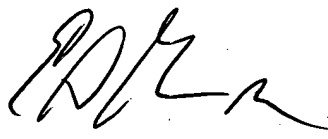
imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

We hereby appoint Todd S. Sharinn, Registration No. 42,144, whose Post Office Address is Pepe & Hazard LLP, 225 Asylum Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06103, our attorney to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. Address all correspondence to Todd S. Sharinn at the aforesaid address and direct all telephone calls to him at Area Code 860 Telephone No. 241-2631.

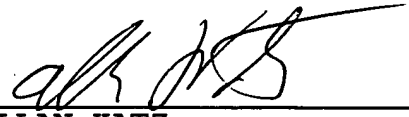
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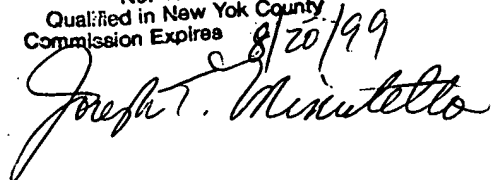

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